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Different Funds Used to Relieve Environmental Emergencies in
Louisville Area

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1. Removal of Drums from Stump Gap Creek Area -
Mr. and Mrs. William Distler's Farm:

Since there wasn't any discharge of oil into Stump Gap Creek, we could not use the Spill Contingency Fund (Section 311(k)). Governor Carrol requested assistance from President Carter to relieve the environmental emergency created by the flooding waters and the movement of drums containing industrial wastes in this area.

We received authorization from EPA to spend up to \$100,000 to remove the drums. This money came from an emergency fund which is administered by Ken Biglane's shop. Because of the flood waters, Jefferson County, Kentucky, received a Declaration from the President for this natural disaster. Later, FDAA reimbursed EPA \$50,000.00 for the removal of drums.

2. Discharge of Oil and Hazardous Substances from
"Valley of Drums" Site:

The Spill Contingency Fund (Section 311(k)) was used for this spill event because of the discharge of oil and hazardous substances into Wilson Creek. We responded to this incident and constructed trenches and catch basins to collect the surface runoff and the sub-surface lateral migration of oil and other hazardous substances. A modified water treatment system was also constructed at this site to treat the contaminated water in the catch basins.

Some of the drums of industrial waste stored on this property were leaking which added to the amount of material to be treated. This posed a substantial threat to the environment. Then these drums were uprighted and lined up in rows. They were marked "solid", "liquid", or "empty".

The source control operation was completed March 20, 1979. The cost of this operation is about \$270,000.00

"Drums" file, Hwy.



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